

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.A. Graef et al.

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Application No.: 09/664,472

Group Art Unit: 3761

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Examiner: J.A. Webb

Title: FLUTED COMPOSITE AND RELATED ABSORBENT ARTICLES

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	54	-	52	=	2	x	18	= 36
Independent Claims	11	-	10	=	1	x	84	= 84
TOTAL								\$120

B. Additional Documents Enclosed

Further transmitted herewith are 24 sheets of substitute formal drawings.

C. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 12, 2002, set to expire on May 12, 2002, be extended by 2 months, to expire on July 12, 2002. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$400.00.

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D. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 140479 in the amount of \$520.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

E. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

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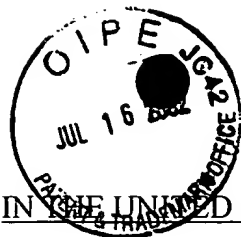
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AMENDMENT A

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's non-final action dated February 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Pursuant to the Request for Extension of Time enclosed herewith, the period for response has been extended two (2) months, to expire, July 12, 2002.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 31, to read as follows:

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Referring to FIGURE 12A, machine 1000 includes foraminous support 1020 (i.e., a forming wire); vacuum heads 1040 for dewatering fibrous slurry 1240 to provide wet composite 1200; headbox 1060 for depositing the fibrous slurry onto support 1020; nozzle manifold 108 for injecting absorbent material 1220, preferably as an aqueous suspension, into partially dewatered web 1260; fibrous slurry supply 1120; absorbent material supply 1140; pumps 1100 for delivering the fibrous slurry and absorbent material from their respective supplies to headbox 1060 and manifold 108, respectively; and drying means 1160. Briefly, fibrous slurry 1240 is deposited from headbox 1060 onto support 1020 and dewatered to provide partially dewatered web 1260. Absorbent material 1220, preferably as an aqueous suspension, is injected through nozzle manifold 108 into partially dewatered web 1260, preferably prior to extensive dewatering

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